



National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 19

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

60 Removal of Crown immunities

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, on and after the day appointed for the coming into force of this subsection, no health service body shall be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown; and so far as concerns land in which the Secretary of State has an interest, at any time when—
- (a) by virtue of directions under any provision of the National Health Service Act 1977, the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 or the Health and Medicines Act 1988 or by virtue of orders under section 2 or section 10 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978, powers of disposal or management with respect to the land are conferred on a health service body, or
 - (b) the land is otherwise held, used or occupied by a health service body,
- the interest of the Secretary of State shall be treated for the purposes of any enactment or rule of law relating to Crown land or interests as if it were an interest held otherwise than by the Secretary of State (or any other emanation of the Crown).
- (2) In Schedule 8 to this Act—
- (a) Part I has effect to continue certain exemptions for health service bodies and property held, used or occupied by such bodies;
 - (b) the amendments in Part II have effect, being amendments consequential on subsection (1) above; and
 - (c) the transitional provisions in Part III have effect in connection with the operation of subsection (1) above.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) Where, as a result of the provisions of subsection (1) above, by virtue of his employment during any period after the day appointed for the coming into force of that subsection—
- (a) an employee has contractual rights against a health service body to benefits in the event of his redundancy, and
 - (b) he also has statutory rights against the health service body under Part VI of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 (redundancy payments),
- any benefits provided to him by virtue of the contractual rights referred to in paragraph (a) above shall be taken as satisfying his entitlement to benefits under the said Part VI.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (1) above affects the extent of the expression “the services of the Crown” where it appears in—
- (a) Schedule 1 to the Registered Designs Act 1949 (provisions as to the use of registered designs for the services of the Crown etc.); and
 - (b) sections 55 to 59 of the Patents Act 1977 (use of patented inventions for the services of the Crown);
- and, accordingly, services provided in pursuance of any power or duty of the Secretary of State under Part I of the National Health Service Act 1977 or Part I or Part III of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 shall continue to be regarded as included in that expression, whether the services are in fact provided by a health service body, a National Health Service trust or any other person.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument provide that, in relation to any enactment contained in a local Act and specified in the order, the operation of subsection (1) above shall be excluded or modified to the extent specified in the order.
- (6) No order shall be made under subsection (5) above unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (7) In this section “health service body” means—
- (a) a health authority, within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 1977;
 - (b) a Health Board or Special Health Board constituted under section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978;
 - (c) a State Hospital Management Committee constituted under section 91 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984;
 - (d) a Family Health Services Authority;
 - (e) the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service;
 - (f) the Dental Practice Board;
 - (g) the Scottish Dental Practice Board; and
 - (h) the Public Health Laboratory Service Board.